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1. In April 1952 the Chinese Communists were planning to build a steel bridge across the Wulung (3527/7893) River at Hsiatou (1499/0351) in Linsen (17-17, 26-06) Hsien. Work had begun on the foundations of the bridge on both shores.
2. In April, a highway had been built from Sanpao (0005/0202) to the river's edge at Wut'anchiao (3527/3389/6037) in Foochow. The Communists were planning to build a steel bridge from Wut'anchiao to Hengch'angch'eng (1854/2490/8220), but the construction work had not begun.
3. By mid-June the highway connecting Foochow and Mawei (119-26, 25-59) had been extended to Lohsingt'a (119-28, 25-59). The bridges along this highway were capable of withstanding gross loads of twenty tons. Military vehicles and scheduled buses were traveling on this road between Foochow and Lohsingt'a, a distance of eighty miles.

Highways in West Fukien and Kwangtung

4. On 1 May 1952, the highway from Shanghang (116-27, 25-02) to Kwangtung¹ was completed. Bridges along this Highway are all built to withstand five metric tons. The Chinese Communist transportation corps trucks were constantly traveling this road.

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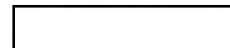
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5. The Hsihsing (6007/5281) Bridge in Lungyen (117-02, 25-07) was completed and opened to traffic on 1 May.
6. In late April the Chinese Communists started to reinforce the highways running between Lungyen and Liench'eng (116-44, 25-43)², and between P'engk'ou (116-39, 25-33) and Ch'angt'ing (116-20, 25-45).
7. On 2 May six military trucks, fully loaded with ammunition, moved from Kiangsi Province via Ch'angt'ing to P'engk'ou to supply troops in the Changchou (117-42, 25X1 24-32) area.

Highways on the Hsiangshan Peninsula, Chekiang

8. The construction of a number of highways on the Hsiangshan Peninsula was completed in February 1952. In May 1952, however, the bridges along these highways had not yet been built and the roads were not open to traffic. These roads led from Hsiangshan (121-51, 29-29) City to the following points: Ch'ients'ang (121-57, 29-38), Chuehch'i (121-57, 29-30), Shihp'u via Ch'angtu (2490/6757), and Hsichou (121-42, 29-30).
9. In January 1952 the Chinese Communists made a survey for the construction of a highway from Ninghai (121-25, 29-18) to Ch'angshu (7022/2885).
10. In the spring of 1952 the Chinese Communists mobilized the inhabitants of the Hsiangshan coastal area to broaden streets and alleys in preparation for emergencies.

1. [Redacted] Comment. [Redacted]

[Redacted] Probably the route southward to Melhsien (116-13, 24-18) is meant.

2. [Redacted] Comment. [Redacted] the highway running from Liench'eng through Lungyen to Ch'angting was under construction in April 1952. All bridges were reported capable of withstanding a five and one-half ton load.

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